

REMARKS

Counsel wishes to acknowledge with appreciation the telephone call from the Examiner on December 6, 2000, in which the Examiner pointed out that the dependency of Claims 130, 131, 137, and 138 was improper in view of the cancellation of base claims in the Amendment filed October 6, 2000.

By the present Amendment, Claim 130, previously dependent upon cancelled Claim 58, has been made dependent upon Claim 37, from which Claim 58 depended, and the subject matter of claim 58 has been added to Claim 130. No new subject matter has been added. Since Claim 131 depends upon Claim 130, no change in that claim is required.

Similarly, Claim 137, previously dependent on cancelled Claim 87, has been made dependent on Claim 68, from which claim 87 depended, and the subject matter of Claim 87 has been added to Claim 137. No additional subject matter has been added.

Finally, Claim 138, previously dependent upon cancelled Claim 87, has been amended to depend on Claim 68, and the subject matter of Claim 87 has been added to Claim 138 also. No new subject matter has been added.

To the best of Applicant's knowledge and belief, the dependency of all the claims now presented is correct.

A Further Supplemental Declaration will be filed shortly.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge to Deposit Account No. 22-0585 any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 that may be required by this paper and to credit any overpayment to that Account. If any extension of time is required in connection with the filing of this paper and has not been requested separately, such extension is hereby requested.

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